



NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE: 27 CSR 14. Telehealth and Interstate Telehealth Registration for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code §§ 3-31-5(19) and 30-31-6.

DATE FILED AS AN EMERGENCY RULE: January 10, 2022

Following review under W. Va. Code §29A-3-15a, which requires the Secretary of State to determine that the agency filing such emergency rule: 1) has not exceeded the scope of law authorizing or directing the promulgation thereof; 2) has shown that an emergency exists justifying the promulgation of an emergency rule; and 3) filed the emergency rule in compliance with W. Va. Code §294-3-15, it is the decision of the Secretary of State that the above emergency rule is (Approved Disapproved).

It is the determination of the Secretary of State that this proposal qualifies under the definition of

an emergency as defined in §29A-3-15(f):
(1) For the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare;
\underline{X} (2) to comply with a time limitation established by the W. Va. Code or by a federal statute or regulation; or
(3) to prevent substantial harm to the public interest.
Additional notes or comments (if any): Rule required pursuant to HB 2024 (2021).

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